

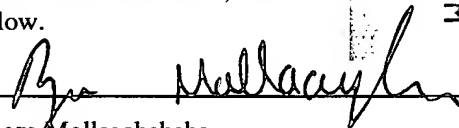


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RECOVERY POLICY FOR A
COMPUTER SYSTEM
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the claims

Please amend claim 4 as follows and add new claims 5-20.

A1 4. (Amended) The computer system of claim 3, wherein the event management system [is] comprises a hierarchical event management system.

A2 5. (New) The computer system of claim 4, wherein the default event policy and the configurable event policy include hierarchical descriptors.

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6. (New) The computer system of claim 1, wherein the computer system comprises a network device.

7. (New) The computer system of claim 1, wherein events include faults.

8. (New) The computer system of claim 1, wherein events include resource consumption notifications.

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9. (New) A method of operating a computer system comprising:
providing a default event policy;
providing a configurable event policy;
using the configurable event policy to modify the default event policy;
detecting an event; and
responding to the detected event in accordance with the default event policy as modified by the configurable event policy.

10. (New) The method of claim 9, wherein responding to the detected event includes: taking actions less severe than those in the unmodified default policy.

11. (New) The method of claim 9, wherein responding to the detected event includes: taking actions more severe than those in the unmodified default policy.

12. (New) The method of claim 9, wherein responding to the detected event includes: taking different actions than those in the unmodified default policy.

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13. (New) The method of claim 9, wherein responding to the detected event includes:
taking new actions not defined in the unmodified default policy.

14. (New) The method of claim 9, wherein the computer system is a network device.

15. (New) The method of claim 9, wherein the event comprises a resource usage
notification.

16. (New) The method of claim 9, wherein the event comprises a fault.

17. (New) The method of claim 9, wherein the default event policy and the
configurable event policy include hierarchical descriptors.

18. (New) The method of claim 9, wherein modifying the default event policy with the
configurable event policy includes:
masking one or more particular events.

19. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein masking one or more particular events
includes:
taking actions less severe than those in the unmodified default policy.

20. (New) The method of claim 9, further comprising:
providing a second configurable event policy;
modifying the default event policy with the second configurable event policy;
detecting an event; and

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